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Washington, DC 20231

In re application of: BELANGER.
 Serial No.: 09/955,826
 Filed: 9/19/01
 For: BLANKET CYLINDER WITH INTEGRATED COMPRESSIBLE LAYER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Final Office Action (8 pgs) in the above-identified application.

Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.
 Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.
 No fee for additional claims is required.
 A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	* Minus**	=	0	1x \$ 91	\$	1x \$ 18	\$	
INDEP. CLAIMS	1 Minus***	=	1	1x \$ 42	\$	1x \$ 84	\$	84
IF FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				1+ \$140	\$	1+ \$280	\$	
				TOTAL	\$	OR	TOTAL	\$84.00

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 Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (in duplicate)
 Other: Proposed Fig. 3

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 Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16
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 Other:

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Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.
 Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
 Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.

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Examiner: Andrea A. Hence
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action dated November 6, 2002 received in the above-identified application, Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application based on the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A [0019] Blanket cylinder 20 includes cylinder 11, which may be made of a rigid material such as a metal. Bladders 12 are disposed on a circumferential surface of cylinder 11. Bladders 12 may be ring-shaped so that each bladder encircles the circumference of cylinder 11. Bladders 12 are inflatable and may be filled with a fluid A, B, and C, which may be the same or different fluids. The fluid may include air, other gases, water, or other hydraulic fluids. Fluid lines 14 connect bladders 12 to fluid supply regulation units (not shown in Fig. 2). Each of fluid lines A, B, and C may go to the same fluid supply regulation unit or to different fluid supply regulation units so that the pressure inside of the bladders may be individually regulated. Cylinder covering 13 is disposed on the outer surface of bladders 12 to form the outside covering of blanket cylinder 20.

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